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**CITY NOTES**

**MEETING TONIGHT**—The Scranton Camera club will hold a meeting tonight at which officers will be nominated.

**COMPANY D REVIEW**—Company D, of the new Eleventh regiment, was reviewed last night in the armory on Adams avenue by Colonel Waters and staff.

**GOOD ROADS MEETING**—Arrangements are in progress for a big good roads meeting to be held in this city in January. Senator Dodge is to be one of the speakers.

**HANDSOME CALENDAR**—A. E. Clay, district agent of the New England Mutual Life Insurance company, is distributing handsome 1899 calendars issued by that company.

**AN AIDE-DE-CAMP**—Alderman John T. Howe yesterday received his commission as aide-de-camp to W. J. Patterson, department commander of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic.

**LECTURE IN GREEN RIDGE**—Professor Clarke will deliver his lecture on "Memory and How to Improve It" in the Green Ridge Library building Thursday night next by special request.

**PAY-DAYS**—The Delaware and Hudson company paid yesterday at the Jersey, the Honesdale division of the Gravity and the Gravity shops at Honesdale. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western company will pay the trainmen today.

**HOWARD PLACE CHURCH FAIR**—The Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church fair, of which Mrs. H. A. Grant is president, will open on Monday evening, December 12, 1898, at the church hall. All donations will be thankfully received.

**TROUBLE IN THE FAMILY**—As a result of a family squabble Annie McHale, of 47 Luzerne street, was arrested on four warrants yesterday and was held by Alderman Miller in \$500 bail to answer in court the four charges preferred against her.

**HIS CLOTHES STOLEN**—John Kilmartin, of South Scranton, took from his wardrobe Thursday night his dress suit that he intended to wear at a social gathering. He hung the garments on a clothesline at his home to air them. When he went to get them they were gone.

**HE ENLISTED**—Judson Gelett, of Honesdale, whose mother thought he was run over by the railroad near Olyphant, has been located. He enlisted in this city for United States army service on Nov. 24 or 25 and was sent by Lieutenant Sivieter with other recruits to join the Fifteenth Infantry regiment of regulars at Huntsville, Ala. This information was given The Tribune yesterday in response to mention in this paper of a letter written by the young man's mother, Mrs. Angeline Gelett, of Honesdale, to Colonel L. A. Watras.

**VERDICT IN ASPERSCHLAGER CASE**—The coroner's jury in the case of Charles Asperschlagger, who was killed in the Cliff works on the evening of Nov. 29, returned the following verdict Thursday night: "Mrs. J. A. Dickson, Mrs. W. H. Welles, Mrs. J. A. Alfred, Mrs. W. H. Dickson, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Henshaw, Miss Charlotte Hand.

**PICKPOCKETS ARRESTED.**  
Were Watched While They Were "Picking" Henry Slattery.  
Two local youths, who refuse to give their names, were arrested last night for stealing a watch from Henry Slattery, of Jackson street. The theft occurred in the White house, corner of Penn avenue and Spruce street. Parties who espied the act, arrested the thieves and turned them over to Captain Edwards. Slattery recovered his watch.

**Resolutions of General Grant Commandery, Knights of Malta, on the Death of Charles Asperschlagger.**  
Whereas, The Great and Supreme Ruler of the Universe has His infinite wisdom removed from among us one of our worthy and esteemed companions, Charles Asperschlagger; and  
Whereas, The intimate relations held among us make it eminently befitting that we record our appreciation of him.  
Resolved, That the judicious removal of such a life from our midst leaves a vacancy and a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members of the society.  
Resolved, That with deep sympathy for the bereaved family of the deceased companion, we express our hope that even so great a loss may be ruled by Him who doeth all things well to our benefit.  
Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of this society, a copy printed in the local papers and a copy forwarded to the bereaved family.  
Allen Ellis, John Evans, John Christophel, committee.

**Men's Brown Real Alligator Opera Slipper, narrow toe, \$2.50**  
**Men's Russet Real Alligator Opera Slipper, broad toe, 2.00**  
**Men's Russet Real Alligator Opera Slippers, medium toe, 1.50**  
**Men's Black Goat Opera Slippers, 1.50**  
**Men's Tan Russia Calf Opera Slipper, narrow toe, 1.50**

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**IN THE INTEREST OF FREE KINDERGARTEN**

**INTERESTING REPORTS AND ADDRESSES MADE.**  
Those Who Attended the Meeting Were the Guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fuller at Their Home on Jefferson Avenue—Miss Timberman Sang Two Selections in a Beautiful Manner—At the Conclusion of the Programme Refreshments Were Served.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fuller entertained guests interested in the Free Kindergarten movement last night in their beautiful home on Jefferson avenue. The company was assembled in the Turkish room, where the rosy light of the lamps mingled with the glow of a blazing wood fire, and the soft ripple of a fountain added to the charm of the surroundings.

A. D. Holland, president of the local association, made a brief introductory address, in which he spoke of the advance of the work, and gave the treasurer's report, showing that \$1,957.19 had been received. The expenditures amounted to about an equal sum.

Mr. Holland stated that a debt of \$509 remained to be paid, but that the association had \$10 with which to pay it. The school board has appropriated \$1,000 to the system. He then introduced Miss Underwood, the chief kindergarten teacher, whose work at the Penn avenue kindergarten is so satisfactory.

Scranton has had a free system for six years, but for the past four years has not been managed as it is now. She spoke in an interesting way of her methods and of the great variety of nationalities in that particular locality. She dwelt especially on the mothers' meetings, which had been such aids to success.

The mothers are as much delighted with the games as are the children, and although it is more difficult for them to ignore racial prejudice, the results of the efforts among them are encouraging.

**REPORT FROM NORTH SCRANTON.**  
Miss Clarke, who came recently from New England to take charge of the new kindergarten at the corner of Brick avenue and Market street, made an address. She stated that the need of the work was very evident in that locality. An original attendance of fifty was reported, with an average of thirty. Almost half enough pupils had been turned away to fill another large room. The mothers' meetings had also been most successful. Miss Clarke told many interesting details which had come under her notice.

Miss Edith Hull, of the Chapel kindergarten at Lackawanna and Adams avenues, gave a beautiful and most interesting report of all personal reminiscences. She has had a wide field for her lovely, gentle influence in that locality, and the effects have been felt.

Rev. Dr. S. C. Logan gave a talk on the kindergarten work among foreign people, a pursuit in which he is deeply interested. He has great faith in this method of evangelizing the foreign element.

Mr. Holland supplemented these remarks by stating the reverend speaker was evidently impartial, and believed in the expansion of our nation and that the kindergarten method is the true way to control the new acquisitions.

Miss Underwood followed with a description of a kindergarten by the apostle of Froebel, Kate Douglas Wiggin.

**ENJOYABLE FEATURE.**  
A much enjoyed feature of the evening was Miss Katherine Timberman's solo, "The New Kingdom," a selection whose exquisite fitness of theme to the subject of the evening matched with the beautiful voice in its rich sympathetic quality and tender intonation. She was accompanied by Mr. Pennington on the piano.

As an encore she sang the delicious little song, "Spring Song," which is such a favorite with her friends.

At the conclusion of the programme refreshments were served and some time was spent in social discussion of the kindergarten work. Among the interested listeners to the addresses were Controllers Shires, Leonard and Davis, who expressed a strong desire to further the plans of the kindergarten in the board of control.

**ALARMING STATISTICS**

**The Appalling Danger That is Hanging Over the Country.**  
The official statistics of the City of New York recently published show that nearly three-quarters of all the deaths of each year arise from consumption or some throat and lung trouble.

A person notices a slight cough, but thinks it is nothing; or perhaps he raises considerable phlegm in the morning, or there is a tickling in the throat or a tightness on the chest. These are the first symptoms of consumption. Doctors differ as to whether consumption can be cured in the last stages, but it can be cured in nearly every case if taken in time. Do not let it secure the least foothold. Some pure and powerful stimulant which strengthens nature and restores waste tissue is the only certain manner of throwing off this terrible monster. Physicians have found that Duffy's Pure Malt Whiskey is superior to any known preparation for this purpose. It is the only medical whiskey on the market and is so acknowledged by the government. It is the only medicinal whiskey which bears the government stamp. Don't be persuaded by any tradesmen to order anything else.

**DEATH OF ANDREW ALLEN**

**Never Recovered Consciousness from the Time He Was Injured by the Explosion in No. 4 Mine at Pittston.**

Andrew Allen, civil engineer for the Pennsylvania Coal company and one of the victims of the explosion in No. 4 shaft, Monday night, died in the Pittston hospital, yesterday afternoon without regaining consciousness.

On the day previous, Dr. Guthrie, of Wilkes-Barre, was invited to a consultation with the hospital staff, and after a close investigation of Mr. Allen's injuries, agreed that there was no fracture of the skull. The patient seemed to show a slight improvement up until noon yesterday, when a change for the worse took place and he quietly passed away with his grief-stricken wife and mother at his bedside.

The deceased was born thirty-six years ago in California, and several years afterwards the family returned to this city, where they formerly resided.

Before young Allen had attained his majority he became attached to the engineer corps of the Pennsylvania Coal company, of which he has been chief for the last five years. About twelve years ago Mr. Allen married Mary, the youngest daughter of Superintendent Andrew Bryden, and the result of this union is two children, Andrew and Margaret. Besides these, he is survived by his mother and one brother, Alexander, who is a prominent contractor in Monticere, California.

This family has had their share of affliction, for besides the death of an only daughter, a year ago, a brother (Charles) was killed by falling from a building on which he was employed.

Mr. Allen's remains were removed to the home of his mother, on South Main street, Pittston, from where the funeral will take place. The arrangements are not yet completed.

Deceased was a member of the Odd Fellows of Pittston, the Junior Order United American Mechanics, of Dunmore, where he has resided for the last five years, and the Scranton Engineers' club.

The other men injured in the explosion are recovering rapidly.

**BOROUGH OF MOOSIC NOW.**

**Formal Order Handed Down by Judge Edwards.**  
Judge Edwards yesterday handed down the formal order incorporating the borough of Moosic.

The third Tuesday of February is fixed as the time and the Moosic Hose company's house as the place for holding the elections to fill the borough offices.

James T. Brown is designated as the person to give notice of the election by posting fifty handbills. Peter S. Hamlin, as judge, and Patrick Sammon and Augustus Douc, as inspectors, are directed to conduct the election. Ward & Horn are the attorneys for the new borough.

**BUSY DAY IN THE CRIMINAL COURTS**

**NEARLY A SCORE OF CASES WERE DISPOSED OF.**

**Orgill Acquitted of Attempt to Kill But Found Guilty of Assault and Battery and Aggravated Assault and Battery—M. J. Barrett Returned Guilty of False Pretenses. Two Embezzlement Cases Not Prosecuted—Kearney Again Convicted of Chicken Stealing.**

Nearly a score of cases were disposed of in criminal court yesterday. Fully fifty per cent. of the witnesses had to have their testimony interpreted.

In the felonious wounding case of John Orgill, the jury ignored the count charging intent to kill and found a verdict of guilty of assault and battery and aggravated assault and battery. A verdict of guilty with a recommendation of extreme mercy was returned in the false pretense case of B. E. Foley against M. J. Barrett. The defendant secured credit for \$62 worth of milk by falsely representing that he owned a horse and wagon and had money in the Dime bank.

Anthony Gallagher was returned not guilty of assault and battery on William Dieman, and the defendant was directed to pay the costs.

William H. Snover, charged with the embezzlement of \$107.61 from F. P. Merriman, was allowed to go on payment of costs, the prosecutor not wishing to press the charge.

Storekeeper Max Judkovic, of the South Side, dunned one of his customers, Sylvester Chinasky, in a bar room Oct. 8 last, and was knocked down by Chinasky, who said he was convicted of chicken stealing at the last term of court; the jury was prompted to view the circumstances in a light unfavorable to Kearney and after a few minutes deliberation found him guilty.

The charge of misdemeanor in office preferred against Squire A. J. Duffy, of Archbald, fell by reason of the non-appearance of the prosecutor, Conrad Vernow. The costs were placed on the latter in default of appearance.

A jury was out at adjournment on the case of Michael Babcock, Lewis Dobinsky and John Lippon charged with assault and battery on Chris Bessmer.

**SERGEANT RAFTER HOME.**  
Brought with Him a Collection of War Relics.

Sergeant W. E. Rafter, of Company I, First Regiment United States Engineers, who was with the regiment at Ponce, Porto Rico, returned home yesterday. Sergeant Rafter was detailed for duty at the New York and Governor's Island stations, checking off the government goods when the regiment was ready to be mustered out.

Sergeant Rafter was high in his praise of the Porto Ricans and says the soldiers received the best of treatment from them. He brings with him a collection of war relics, among which are a money, a Mauser rifle, a gold braid worn by one of the Spanish colonels, a collection of pictures of the island and a small box of bullets.

**LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.**  
[Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied by publication by the writer. The Tribune will not be held responsible for opinions here expressed.]

**Wants Mayor to Veto.**  
Editor of The Tribune.

Sir:—Please allow me a few words on the proposed contract for keeping our asphalted streets in repair and to give my reasons why I think the mayor should veto the proposed ordinance.

**Rookwood Pottery**

Born in America; created from American materials, and enriched with native art, it has surpassed anything ever produced in the world. No mere subtle qualities it possesses, the bloom of the peach, the glint of sunshine on an upturned leaf, or on the sea, are qualities that through familiarity are vaguely felt, if not understood, and it is so with Rookwood.

It has many imitations, but these imitations at best are as the peach without the bloom, the water lacking that tiny gleam of light, which adds a glamor to the scene and converts a mill-pond into a poem. It is necessary to see it and hold it in your hands, for no words can give an adequate idea of its charm.

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Does it not show a spirit of decadence when other communities are reaching after larger means of securing their citizens to see the great city of Scranton putting up at auction, as it were, those powers of government which it already possesses? The excuse herefor, that it will save us from the incompetence of our public servants or produce a slight lessening of expense, is humiliating. One of the worst features is that the proposed action would tend to impoverish and de-labor labor in this city, while enriching those who may be opposed to its proper reward.

The private contracting company would probably employ the cheapest labor to do the work, which, when times are dull and laborers plentiful means labor at the cost of animal necessities. That compels the self-respecting workman of Scranton, in idleness, to gaze at a board of ragsamfins snuffing his place gathered here and representing various climes and colors, all working for a wage that will not support in decency a man fit to be a citizen of this community.

It is a false and cruel economy which employs its savings to relieve the want and punish the crime which such parsimonious produces. The selling of franchises and the peddling out of public work to the lowest bidder is the system that produces wealth and arranges on one side and the depravity that results from subject poverty on the other, thereby fixing the lower blade in the system that intelligent manhood should never permit.

We are on the wrong track. Let us change our course. It is not too late, and I sincerely hope that the voters of our mayor will take the supplying of our public works out of the hands of avarice and place it in the hands of the people, where it may ever remain.

Respectfully yours, W. J. Davis.

**OLD POINT COMFORT.**  
Six-Day Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The first of the present series of personally conducted tours to Old Point Comfort via the Pennsylvania railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia on Tuesday, Dec. 27.

Tickets, including luncheon on going trip and one and three-fourths day's board at Old Point Comfort and good to return direct by regular trains within six days, will be sold at rate of \$15.00 from New York; \$12.50 from Trenton; \$12.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

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Picture books .....4c  
Mustard tins .....4c  
Bird whistles .....4c  
Watches and chains .....4c  
Mouth organs .....4c  
Hat savings banks .....4c  
Tin saving banks .....4c  
Baby rubber rattles .....4c  
Rubber babies .....4c  
Dolls, 10 sizes .....4c  
Tea bells .....4c  
Animal bellows toys .....4c  
Tin horse and wagon .....4c  
China tea sets .....4c  
Tamborine .....4c  
Coffee mills .....4c  
Acrobats .....4c  
Sheep and wagon .....4c  
Toy sad irons .....4c

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2 lbs Evaporated Peaches.....25c  
2 lbs Evaporated Apricots.....25c  
3 Cans Fancy Tomatoes.....25c  
3 Cans Fancy Corn.....25c  
3 Cans Fancy Peas.....25c  
3 Cans Fancy Pumpkins.....25c

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**Ladies' Kid Gloves**  
2-clasp, beautifully embroidered in shades of English reds, browns, tans and white. Saturday Night's Price..... 75c

**All-Wool Mittens**  
Ladies', Misses' and Children's. Saturday Night's Price..... 10c

**Ribbons**  
New assortment of Fancy Stripe, Plaids and Spot, best grade All-Silk Ribbons, Nos. 7 and 9, 12½c quality. Saturday Night's Price..... 5c  
Entire new line All-Silk, Satin, Gros Grain Ribbons in blue, pink, red, yellow, etc.—just the thing for fancy work. Nos. 5, 7 and 9. Saturday Night's Price..... 5c

**Corsets**  
Another chance to secure a High-Grade Corset cheap:  
All 50c Corsets, Saturday night..... 35c  
All \$1.00 Corsets, Saturday night..... 50c  
All \$1.50 Corsets, Saturday night..... \$1.35  
These prices are for all Corsets in our complete Corset Department.

**Ladies' Night Gowns**  
Fine Muslin—best goods only.  
75c Gowns, Saturday Night's Price..... 55c  
\$1.00 Gowns, Saturday Night's Price..... 75c  
\$1.25 and \$1.50 Gowns, Saturday Night's Price..... \$1.00

**Gents' Shirts**  
A big line of Dress Shirts, Madras, Percales, etc.; \$1.00 shirts; broken sizes. For..... 50c

**Umbrellas**  
Fast Black Surah Serge Umbrellas, new line of natural handles; ladies' or gent's..... 29c

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